



File Code: 1950

Date: February 4, 2016

Dear Interested Party,

The Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Decision Notice/FONSI for the Saddle Camp Road Reroute Project are enclosed. Three public comments were received on the Draft Environmental Assessment, all in support of the project. No changes to the proposed activities or analyses were made; however, a design measure was added to indicate the need to acquire a Highway 12 Right of Way permit from the Idaho Transportation Department. The project consists of relocating the entrance of the Saddle Camp Road 107 and a dispersed campsite access just to the west of Indian Grave Creek. The existing entryways would be decommissioned and rehabilitated, including removing the undersized culvert and restoring full aquatic organism passage in this section of Indian Grave Creek.

I have tentatively decided to select Alternative 2 which best meets the purpose and need and addresses the issues considered in the analysis.

The Saddle Camp Road Reroute project documentation is available for review at the Lochsa-Powell Ranger District and is subject to objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subpart A and B. Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from: Taylor Greenup, 12370 Highway 12, Orofino, ID 83544, and Phone: 208-476-8228 or Email: tgreenup@fs.fed.us. The Final EA and draft DN/FONSI are also available on-line at: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=46730.

How to Object and Timeframe

Objections will only be accepted from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with §218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after the designated comment opportunities.

Objections, including attachments, must be filed via mail, express delivery, messenger service or by hand-delivery to Northern Region, 26 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula, MT 59804 (Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mountain Standard Time, excluding holidays); or FAX to (406) 329-3411.

Electronic objections must be submitted to the objection reviewing officer via e-mail to: FS-appeals-northern-regional-office@fs.fed.us with "Saddle Camp Road Reroute Project" in the subject line. Electronic submissions must be in a format that is readable with optical character recognition software (e.g. Word, PDF, Rich Text) and be searchable. An automated response will confirm the sender's electronic objection has been received and acknowledge the agencies confirmation of receipt. If the sender does not receive an automated acknowledgement of the receipt of comments, it is the sender's responsibility to ensure timely receipt by other means. In



cases where no identifiable name is attached to an electronic message, a verification of identity will be required. A scanned signature is one way to provide verification.

Objections must be filed within 45 calendar days following the publication of the legal notice in the Lewiston Morning Tribune. Objections or attachments received after the 45-day objection period will not be considered. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object this project should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the objection reviewing officer pursuant to §218.9.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brandon Knapton', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Brandon Knapton
Lochsa-Powell District Ranger
Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests